Advisory council for inter-ministerial problems

49. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national level advisory council has been set up to remove the inter-ministerial bottlenecks and to take a fresh look at the problems:

(b) if so, what are the functions of this council; and

(c) what are the names of the members of this council?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

Bangladesh refugees in Tripura

50. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in Bharat Katha of 28th June, 1986 to the effect that the Government of Tripura had appealed to the Centre for taking responsibility of Bangladesh refugees;

(b) if so, the details of the appeal made by the Government of Tripura; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of the particular news-item referred to. However, the Government of Tripura have requested for funds for providing temporarily food and shelter to the tribal refugees. They have also requested that the question of return of Bangladesh refugees may be taken up with Bangladesh Government.

(c) An amount of Rs. 51 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Government of Tripura for the maintenance of Bangladesh refugees who have entered into Tripura. The matter regarding creating conditions conducive for the early return of tribal refugees has been taken up with the Bangladesh Government at various levels.

Accommodation for married army officers at naval bases

51. SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that married officers and other ranks in the Army posted at naval bases at Cochin, Visakhapatnam, Bombay and elsewhere in the country are being discriminated against in the matter of allotment of Government accommodation vis-a-vis their counterparts in the navy;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government accommodation at the naval bases is provided to naval officers and other ranks only and their counterparts from the Army posted there are provided hired accommodation at very far-off places:

(c) if so, what is the ratio of accommodation allotted to married naval officers and other ranks mentioned in part (a) above at the naval bases in comparison to their counterparts from the other two wings of armed forces posted at these naval bases; and

(d) whether Government have received any representation alleging discrimination in the matter of allotment of Government accommodation to married army officers posted at the said naval bases; if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.